

HAS SET LAST COPY

Oldest Union Printer in the District Dead.

DESCENDANT OF JOSEPH BALL

John Robinson, Member of Typographical Union for Fifty Years, Dies at Eighty-nine—Through His Mother, Catherine Duval, Was Related to George Washington.

Life had been kind to John Robinson, and John Robinson, the oldest union printer in the District of Columbia, had used well what life had seen fit, in eighty-nine years, to give to him.

This old printer, who had been connected with the union for the last fifty years, has set his last stick of type.

Last night at 11 o'clock, in the home of his son-in-law, Gen. W. W. Dudley, 2431 Columbia road, the call from the Foreman came to him.

Nones of his friends doubt that his "copy" will be clear and that he will receive the verdict of well done.

John Robinson was born in Prince William County, Va., February 27, 1812. He came to this city in the fall of 1856. In 1857 he became a member of the Washington Typographical Society, and had maintained a continuous and honorable membership in that order and its successor, the Columbia Typographical Union, from that time until the day of his death.

record, therefore, is one of more than twenty years a printer, and more than twenty years a loyal union craftsman. Becomes an Apprentice.

He entered his apprenticeship in the office of Frederick City, Md., the third daughter of John Kunkle, a famous iron-master of his day. They were married January 25, 1845. Nine children, six sons and three daughters, with twelve grandsons and two granddaughters, survive him.

For the past six years he has lived with his youngest daughter, Nannie, the wife of Gen. W. W. Dudley, at 2431 Columbia road, where he died. For the past seventeen months he has been an invalid, suffering from the results of a fall from a street car. But for this he would probably have lived many years longer, as he comes from a race noted for longevity.

He descended from Washington.

He was the son of the Rev. Henry Robinson, a noted Methodist divine of his day. Northern Virginia. Through his mother, Catherine Duval, he was a direct descendant of Joseph Ball, of Western Maryland County, Va., whose daughter was the mother of George Washington.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 o'clock at the late residence. The interment will be at Rock Creek cemetery.

GOVERNORS COMING

wardaman's Successor Accepts Invitation to President's Conference.

Nonpartisan Stand of Roosevelt in the Matter Brings Cordial Replies from Democratic Executives.

Although Gov. Vardaman, of Mississippi, declined to remain in the State while President Roosevelt was there, his successor-elect has written the Executive that, in his opinion, the trip made by Mr. Roosevelt through that section of the State did much to increase the growing friendliness between the North and the South.

The letter is from E. F. Nowell, the governor-elect, in reply to one of the letters sent by President Roosevelt to the governors of all the States and Territories, inviting them to meet in conference concerning the conservation of natural resources, on May 13, 14, and 15. So far, all the governors except those of Alaska and Porto Rico have been heard from. Gov. Walter Freer, of Honolulu, has written that he will be here, and there will be more governors in Washington than ever assembled here before.

If possible, President Roosevelt will preside over all the meetings of the conference, which are to be held in the historic East Room in the White House. There are to be no set papers, and every governor who has something to say or some idea to submit will be given a hearing. Gov. Dawson, of West Virginia, has notified the President in his letter that he will have something to say concerning the waste of oil and gas, and Gov. Dawson has already started work gathering facts which he will submit to the conference.

Gov. Blanchard, in his letter says he will have his State legislature on his hands when the meeting is called, but that he will endeavor to be here.

President Roosevelt's letter of invitation said that the question is not one of politics, but of national policy. As a result, the replies received from Democratic governors are as cordial as those from the Republicans, indicating that the conference will be one of harmony, and so conducted that it may produce results.

In addition to the governors, there will be present a number of representatives from such bodies as the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, National Live Stock Growers' Association, and organizations representing water and lumber users.

Mr. Kasson's Condition.

The condition of John A. Kasson, who has been seriously ill at his home, 1228 northwest, for several weeks, was last night as improved. Dr. Y. A. attending physician, stated that Kasson had spent a comfortable day resting easy.

Lectures on the Negro.

Dr. H. Grinpike was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Negro Academy, held last night at Howard University. The speaker discussed the economic condition and future of the negro.

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ALMAS TEMPLE ELECTION.

Spirited Contest Over Selection of Delegates to Imperial Council.

The annual election of officers of Almas Temple, Mystic Shrine, and the four delegates to the imperial council meeting at St. Paul, took place yesterday afternoon. The polls were opened at 2:30 o'clock, and closed at 8 o'clock. There was no opposition to the nominees for the line officers, but a spirited contest was engaged in for delegates. The result of the election was as follows:

Potentate, Roe Fulkerson; chief rabbon, Louis A. Dent; assistant chief rabbon, Alex. Forest; high priest and prophet, W. W. German; Oriental guide, John Ellinger; treasurer, Allison Naylor, Jr.; recorder, Harrison Dingman; delegates, Roe Fulkerson, Dr. Frank E. Gibson, Thomas P. Morgan, and Frank A. Sebring.

ACTRESS A BANKRUPT.

Henrietta Crossman and Her Husband Both File Petitions.

New York, Dec. 30.—Henrietta Crossman, the actress, who, in private life, is Henrietta C. Campbell, and Maurice Campbell, her husband, both of 1402 Broadway, filed separate petitions in bankruptcy to-day. Her liabilities are \$46,889, and nominal assets, \$3,574, consisting of debts due her.

Mr. Campbell, or the Maurice Campbell Company, have been the managers of Henrietta Crossman for the past seven years. The Maurice Campbell Company was incorporated in 1902, capital stock, \$10,000.

It is understood that the causes of the financial difficulties of Miss Crossman and her husband is due largely to the failure of their latest venture, "The Pilgrim's Progress."

LEE GUY GOES TO HIS FATHERS

Burning Incense Marks Interment of Chinaman.

With joss sticks burning brightly at the head of his coffin, money to carry him over the river, and paper houses and animals beside him, for his use in the "Land of Flowers," funeral services for Lee Guy were conducted yesterday afternoon at the shop of Gou Whong, 346 Pennsylvania avenue.

Lee Guy was formerly engaged in the laundry business at Eighteenth and U streets northwest. He died Thursday, and his body was brought for proper burial to the home of his friend, Gou Whong. He was about forty years old, and is survived by three brothers, who reside in this country.

Joss sticks were lighted over the body Thursday afternoon, and were not allowed to go out until the coffin was placed in the hearse yesterday afternoon. During this period, nearly all the Chinamen in the city visited the home and placed paper houses and furnishings beside the body. Just before the taking of the body to the cemetery, these were burned, so he would have a home in the next world.

According to tradition, every Chinaman who was acquainted with Guy had to spend a certain length of time by the coffin, sorrowing. Those who lived with him spent the entire four days in the house.

It is also considered a period of feasting, and many choice Chinese dishes were offered to visitors.

No religious services were held over the body, as the Chinese do not believe it proper.

Interment was in Harmony Cemetery.

Chilean Strikers Quiet.

Minister Hicks, United States Minister to Chile, has sent a dispatch announcing that the recent troubles in Iquique, caused by the strike of the nitrate workers, has entirely quieted down, and that most of the men had returned to work.

GIVE GOOD-BY FEAST

Peace Men Entertained at the New Willard Hotel.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS HEARD

Ambassador Creel Delivers Eloquent Address and Pays High Tribute to the Southern Republics—Dr. Bonilla Declares that He Believes Universal Peace Is Assured.

In celebration of their departure from Washington, after a brilliant and successful peace conference, the delegates of the Central American republics were the guests of the Nicaragua and Honduras delegations at a farewell dinner at the New Willard last night.

The red room of the hotel was elaborately decorated, and presented a gorgeous background for the distinguished guests.

Addresses were made by men prominent in political and civil life, all lauding the fraternal spirit that has brought the various Latin American countries together in an organized and united confederacy.

An Eloquent Address.

Ambassador Creel delivered an eloquent address, and paid a glowing tribute to the Southern republics, expressing the hope that the confederacy would hold together and continue to maintain peace among the various nations represented by it.

Addresses were also made by Dr. Bonilla, toastmaster and principal speaker of the evening; Senor Don Epifanio Portela, Minister from Argentina Republic; Senor Felipe Pardo, Minister from Peru; Dr. Madrid, Mr. Bacon, Assistant Secretary of State, and Senor Pina, Minister from Spain.

Dr. Bonilla, former President of Honduras, announced, preparatory to his address, that Honduras, at the instigation of the Peace Conference, had granted full amnesty to all political prisoners. This statement was heard with joy, and brought the guests to their feet with cheers.

Dr. Bonilla said, in part:

"I feel that the amalgamation of the North, Central, and South American republic for universal peace is assured. Whatever negotiations are necessary for a closer alliance among the Central American nations will be assured in the future."

After a lengthy tribute to Ambassador Creel, through whose efforts the Central American confederacy has been formed, Dr. Bonilla concluded by saying:

"We should not be surprised if, in addition to this confederacy, thousands to the south of us join their interests with ours, and proclaim the name of Ambassador Creel as the perpetual president of this society."

A Glorious Career.

The evening was closed by all present drinking the toast, proposed by Assistant Secretary Bacon, that the confederacy continue to exist and enjoy a glorious career.

Among those present were: J. N. Leger, Minister from Haiti; Senor Luis E. Corea, Minister from Nicaragua; Senor Caudero, Minister from Bolivia; Senor Cortes, Minister from Colombia; Dr. Ladner, Minister from Uruguay; Senor Frederico Mejia, Minister from Salvador; Senor Dr. Herrarte, Minister from Guatemala; Dr. Angel Urdarte, Minister from Honduras; Senor Emilio Joubert, Minister from Santo Domingo; Minister Godov, Mr. Sylvio Gurgel do Amaral, Mr. Adeo; Senor Arturo Almeida, Mr. Huntington Hines, DDr. Scott, Mr. Carr, Mr. Phillo, Mr. Butler, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Yanes, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Velov, Mr. Herbert Putnam.

PLANS OF BOARD OF TRADE

President Rudolph Makes Public the Committee Assignments.

Reclamation of Anacostia Flats and the Public School Question to Receive Attention.

Mr. Cuno M. Rudolph, president of the Washington Board of Trade, made public yesterday the complete list of committees for the ensuing year.

Mr. Rudolph announced that he had made a canvass of the members of the board, had ascertained their personal preferences, and assigned the members to committees on which they had promised to give their personal attention.

President Rudolph is hopeful that by this method he has created strong committees, which will be heard from as the season progresses.

The board of trade will hold the January meeting at the call of the president, about the middle of the month. It is understood there are some matters to be pressed before Congress, upon which the new committees will be ready to report by that time, and that the active work of the year may be taken up in earnest at that time.

Among the important subjects which will occupy the attention of the body this year, will be the reclamation of the Anacostia flats, a general investigation into the public school question and possibly the recommendation of changes, which will strengthen the system and do away with some of the friction which has marked the operation of the school this year.

The Board of Trade this year will have five special committees, in addition to the regular standing committees. They are upon the erection of a hall for public conventions, on the history of the District of Columbia, on Abraham Lincoln Centennial, on codification of the District laws, and on conventions. These special subjects will receive attention, and probably be reported upon at one or more of the meetings of the year.

Mr. Meyer Comes Home.

Postmaster General Meyer returned to Washington yesterday from his hunting expedition in North Carolina. To prove to his friends that he was not hunting for big game, he showed the food at a rate that boded ill for the immediate future of his digestive apparatus.

"Why do you eat so fast, sonny?" he inquired.

"So's I kin get a hull lot down 'fore I feel full," was the choked reply.—Lip-pincott's.

Value of Humor.

The man who becomes a humorist is the man who contrives to retain a certain childlike zest and freshness of mind side by side with a large and tender tolerance.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE.

DR. TODD LECTURES ON MARS.

Shows Best of 6,000 Photographs of Planet.

In the presence of a distinguished audience at the Belasco Theater yesterday afternoon, Dr. Todd, professor of astronomy at Amherst College, gave, for the first time, his lecture on Mars, his observations being the result of his recent expedition to the Peruvian Andes, under the direction of Prof. Lowell, of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz.

Dr. Todd was formerly a resident of Washington, and selected this city for his first lecture on account of its being the residence of so many men eminent in science.

During his observations he made 6,000 photographs of Mars, the best of which were used to illustrate his lecture. In addition to this, many pictures were given, showing the details incident to transporting the great telescope to the scene of observations, the topography and life of the country, some remarkable ruins of ancient temples, the remnant of the Incas' civilization, and many others of the solar system.

Basing his assertions on comparative observation, Dr. Todd stated that there was undoubtedly vegetable life on Mars, and possibly animal and human life. Earth and Mars are alike in many respects, he said. The climate of Mars may be compared to that experienced in the highest altitudes of the earth, which always have some form of vegetable life, and, as every form of life gives a type to a higher form, it remains for the biologist to determine whether the higher forms exist on Mars.

Science has demonstrated that Mars has atmosphere, seasons, and canals; fact ends here, and the rest is a matter of conjecture, said the lecturer. The wonderful strides in discovery may enable scientists to communicate with Mars, and reveal the truth. Dr. Todd will conduct another expedition to the same scene next summer, and hopes to add much to the scientific knowledge of the world.

ITALY'S SONS SPEAK

Give Entertainment for Victims of Earthquake.

NATION'S PROGRESS PRAISED

Mayor Des Planches, Ambassador to the United States, the Guest of the First Secretary of the Embassy.

Reads Instructive Paper, Showing the Country's Advancement.

For more than four hours last night the large hall in Masonic Temple was transformed from an American concert hall to a room of entertainment and ball for the sons and daughters of Sunny Italy.

The occasion was the first concert and ball of the Italian Social Circle, which was held for the benefit of the injured in the recent earthquake at Calabria, Italy.

More than 500 sons of the Ghetto, with their families and friends, attended the entertainment. An elaborate programme was arranged for the evening, every number of which was received with enthusiasm by the audience.

Some of the Visitors.

Aside from the members of the organization, there were present all the leading Italians of this city, Mayor Des Planches, Italian Ambassador, and the honorary president of the Washington branch of the Society of the Dante of Rome, of which the local circle is a part, and Mrs. Des Planches, were the guests of honor.

Signor Giulio Cesare Montagna, first secretary of the Italian Embassy, read an interesting paper on "The People of Italy in modern intellectual progress."

Signor Montagna gave a historical outline of the progress of Italy from 1860 to the present day. He said that in 1860 the country was much divided, owing to possessions of Austria and Spain. For this reason, he explained, little of any progress had been made by his countrymen in the advancement of the intellectuality of the Italian people.

Because of this condition the Society of the Carbonari was formed, the object of which was to unite the country and develop its intellectuality.

"At the present day," he continued, "no young man is employed in Italy unless he can read and write, and this condition of affairs has existed since the year 1900."

Signor Montagna then gave a general review of the things accomplished in recent years by Italians in science, literature, engineering, art, politics, and music. Among the Italians he specially lauded for their achievements were Verdi, Puccini, and Marconi.

Several short plays were acted during the evening, and the president of the society, which was "The Little House in the Country." The play depicted the troubles of a wealthy land owner in the suburbs, and was a pronounced success. A monologue, entitled "The Suicide," given by Signor Rocco Iuorio, was received with enthusiasm.

The Society Officers.

The officers of the society are: Mayor Des Planches, Italian Ambassador, honorary president; committee of direction, H. P. Giavina, G. La Manna, Filippo Giuliani; committee of arrangements, I. Gerael, L. Del Glorno, R. Iuorio, A. Garabedian, O. Balducci, M. Robertelli; committee on finance, G. Zanier, P. Caruso, P. Radice.

The members are: F. Montanaro, G. Pessagno, A. Corso, P. Petrone, G. Di Mucella, A. Cello, I. La Manna, F. Travasola, P. Beronzi, G. Verdi, G. Cerone, A. La Scala, V. Di Nunzio, A. Chica, D. Borghesini, F. Baraganti, A. Amasso, V. Di Giorgio, I. Amato, H. Xander, G. Marino, A. Franconetti.

Chinese New Year.

According to the custom of the Celestial empire, Washington Chinamen will celebrate February 1 as New Year's Day. It will be observed in true Oriental fashion by all the Chinamen in the city. They will knock off from work at the stroke of midnight on January 31, and will give themselves up to religious observances and feasting among themselves for twenty-four hours.

Speed vs. Capacity.

At a recent dinner given to the newsmen of a great city, one of the gentlemen in charge of the feast noticed a "newy" stowing away the food at a rate that boded ill for the immediate future of his digestive apparatus.

"Why do you eat so fast, sonny?" he inquired.

"So's I kin get a hull lot down 'fore I feel full," was the choked reply.—Lip-pincott's.

Value of Humor.

THIS MORNING'S SHOPPING NEWS.

Tuesday, December 31

COUPON

This Palais Royal Coupon and two (\$2) dollars entitles bearer to one \$2.50 Chiffon Neck Ruff, very full, with ribbon ends. This Coupon good only for Tuesday, December 31, 1907.

PALAIS ROYAL PRICES MUCH REDUCED

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Lace Neckpieces

—all the fashionable kinds you know of at \$1 to \$2 are now here at only 89c for choice. It's a passing opportunity—we don't pretend to make a business of selling goods at a loss, though we do proclaim that we are not slow to accept a loss when stocks prove too great or too little. In this instance we have too many little lots—bunch them into one and affix a price to create a rapid distribution.

Feather Neckpieces at 20 Per Cent Discount.

Coque Boas are here at \$2.98 to \$7.50; Ostrich and Marabou are \$7.50 to \$15.98. These Boas are four to six strands and two (2) yards long. The colors include grays, browns, blues, white, and black. One-fifth now allowed off the marked prices.

25c Collars, Pure Linen . . . 14c

25c Bows, 3 for 50c . . . 18c

18c 3 for 50c

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LABOR IS AFTER STILLINGS

Central Union Hears Resolution Urging a Probe.

Would Cause His Arrest if He Found He Is Violating Eight-hour Law.

A resolution asking the executive committee of the Central Labor Union to investigate the allegations that Public Printer Charles A. Stillings was violating the eight hour law, and if the allegations are found true, to ask the United States District Attorney to issue a warrant for his arrest, was introduced at the Central Labor Union last night.

A vote was not taken on the resolution as the president called adjournment of the meeting immediately after it had been read, saying the constitution of the union declared all meetings adjourned at 11 o'clock. Action will be taken on the resolution at the next meeting, January 6. The resolution was introduced by G. M. Ross, of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union. The union was in executive session for almost two hours last night, and it is said, debated on what action the union should take regarding the injunction issued by Justice Gould restraining the American Federation of Labor from printing the names of the Bucks Stove & Range Company, of St. Louis, on their "we don't patronize list." No decision was made in this matter. A resolution was also introduced declaring the Central Labor Union opposed to any change of the present excise laws. The union refused to go on record in the matter, and the matter was laid on the table indefinitely.

Officers will be elected for the coming year at the next meeting, January 6, and the fight for election promises to be close. Practically all the officers want to be re-elected and many others are making a strong campaign.

DIED.

BRIGHT—On Sunday, December 29, 1907, at 5:30 a. m., GRANT LLOYD (DOLLY) BRIGHT, in his twenty-third year.

Funeral, private, at the home of his parents, 78 Q street northwest, on Tuesday, December 31, at 2 p. m. Interment at Glenwood.

BELL—On Sunday, December 29, 1907, ELLEN ADKINS, widow of David Charles Bell, in her ninety-second year.

Funeral services at Stoneleigh Church at 2 o'clock Tuesday, December 31. Funeral private.

CARRAWAY—On Sunday, December 29, 1907, at 3:30 a. m., at his residence, 428 Park road, JAMES F. CARRAWAY, formerly of Boonville, Miss., husband of Fannie F. Carraway, and father of Lucy and Jack Carraway, Mrs. S. Bradburn, Jr., and Mrs. F. H. Rittenour.

Funeral on Tuesday, December 31, at 2 p. m., from the residence, 1200 Vermont at Rock Creek Cemetery, (Mississippi and Virginia papers please copy.)

CLAPP—In Johnson City, Tenn., on Monday, December 29, 1907, at 1:30 p. m., at her residence, 428 A street northeast, SARAH H. F. CLARKE, widow of S. C. Clarke.

Funeral will take place from her late residence on Tuesday, December 31, at 1 p. m. Friends respectfully invited to attend.

CLAPP—On Monday, December 30, 1907, at 5:30 a. m., at his residence, 77 Tenth street northeast, WILLIAM G. DUNNE, Sr., in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services at the Church of the Holy Name, on Tuesday, December 31, at 9 a. m.

EMERSON—On Monday, December 30, 1907, at 9 p. m., at her residence, the Kennesaw, MARY ELIZABETH, beloved wife of Robert P. Emerson.

Funeral services at Trinity Church, on Tuesday, January 2, at 11 a. m. (Marshall, Mich., Kalamazoo, Mich., and Manchester, N. H., papers please copy.)

FANT—On Monday, December 30, 1907, JOHN S. FANT, in his sixty-sixth year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, 15 D street southeast, on Tuesday, December 31, at 3 p. m. (Chippewa and Fauquier papers please copy.)

GOLDNEY—On Saturday, December 28, 1907, at 8:30 p. m., at his residence, 24 Thirtieth street southeast, of heart failure, JOSEPH GOLDNEY, in the seventy-third year of his life. Notice of funeral hereafter. (New York City papers please copy.)

HYSAN—Suddenly, on Monday, December 30, 1907, at his home, 607 East Capitol street, after a brief attack of grip, JOHN JOSEPH HYSAN.

Funeral from his late residence on Wednesday, January 1, thence to St. Joseph's Church, where a requiem mass will be said; from there his remains will be taken to Baltimore for interment. (Baltimore papers please copy.)

HANLEY—Suddenly, on Sunday, December 29, 1907, at 6:45 p. m., at her residence, 184 Fifteenth street northwest, Mrs. ANNIE, widow of Joseph Hanley.

Funeral from her late residence on Tuesday, December 31, at 10 a. m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

HOGAN—On Sunday, December 29, 1907, at 2 p. m., after a short illness, CATHERINE HOGAN, Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, Thomas Gorman, on Tuesday, December 31, at 10 a. m.

ROBINSON—On Monday, December 30, 1907, at 11 p. m., after an illness of seventeen months, JOHN NEUHAUS, mother of Mrs. J. W. Drew and J. J. Neuhahr.

Funeral from her late residence, 1083 East Capitol street northeast, on Tuesday morning, December 31, at 9:30 o'clock, thence to St. Joseph's Church, Second and C streets northeast, where mass will be said for the repose of her soul. Interment at Holyrood, Georgetown, D. C.

POLEN—On Saturday, December 28, 1907, at 11:15 p. m.,